

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on arts education and magnet schools, receiving testimony from John Sykes, VH1, New York, New York; John D. Kemp, VSA arts, and Derek Gordon, John F. Ken-

nedy Center for the Performing Arts, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Durante, Arlington County Public Schools, Arlington, Virginia; Benjamin O. Canada, Portland Public Schools, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the Americans for the Arts; Danielle Rice, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Sandra B. Burks, Roanoke City Public Schools, Roanoke, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2367–2387; 1 private bill, H.R. 2388; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 144–147, and H. Res. 226–229, were introduced. Pages H5091–92

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars (H. Rept. 106–205);

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, amended (H. Rept. 106–206 Part 1);

H.R. 562, to approve and ratify certain transfers of land and natural resources by or on behalf of the Delaware Nation of Indians, amended (H. Rept. 106–207);

H. Res. 230, providing for the consideration of H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance (H. Rept. 106–208);

H. Res. 231, providing for the consideration of H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as “World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills (H. Rept. 106–209);

H. Res. 232, providing for the consideration of H.R. 791, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system (H. Rept. 106–210);

H. Res. 233, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (H. Rept. 106–211); and

Conference report on H.R. 775. A bill to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for dam-

age relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 106–212). Pages H5066–73, H5090–91

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H4999

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

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Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act: H.R. 1568, amended, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses;

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Prohibiting States From Imposing Discriminatory Commuter Taxes on Nonresidents: H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents;

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Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office: H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the “Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office”;

Pages H5036–38

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act: H.R. 2280, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 257); and

Pages H5002–14, H5044–45

Condemning Arson at Synagogues in Sacramento, California: H. Res. 226, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the acts of arson at three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and affirming its opposition to such crimes (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay” and one voting “present”, Roll No. 258).

Pages H5030–36, H5045–46

Suspension Failed—Urging Days of Prayer: The House failed to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 94, recognizing the public need for reconciliation and healing, urging the United States to unite in seeking God, and recommending that the Nation’s leaders call for days of prayer by a ye and nay vote of 275 yeas to 140 nays with 11 voting “present” and two-thirds required for passage.

Pages H5038–44, H5046

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation: Message wherein he transmitted the notification of his action to amend Executive Order 12938 which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–86);

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National Emergency Re Yugoslavia and Kosovo: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Yugoslavia and Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–87); and

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Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Message wherein he transmitted the fiscal year 1998 annual report for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the inventory of the Federal Funds Distributed to Public Telecommunications Entities by Federal Departments and Agencies for the same year—referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5044–45, H5045–46, and H5046. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee action the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PLANS

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Review of Social Security Reform Plans. Testimony was heard from Senators Gregg and Breaux; Representatives Archer, Shaw, Kolbe, Stenholm, Smith of Michigan, Sanford, DeFazio, Nadler, Bartlett of Maryland and Markey.

DOE NUCLEAR FACILITIES—WORKER SAFETY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Worker Safety at DOE Nuclear Facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: David M. Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety, and Health; and R. Keith Christopher, Director, Office of Enforcement and Investigations; the following officials of the GAO: Gary I. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues; and William R. Swick, Assistant Director, Seattle Field Office; and public witnesses.

MUHAMMAD ALI BOXING REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1832, Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENHANCING RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Enhancing Retirement Security, including discussion of H.R. 1102, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Cardin.

DEFENSE OFFSETS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on “Defense Offsets: Are They Taking Away Our Jobs?” Testimony was heard from Senator Feingold; Roger Majak, Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Alfred Volkman, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Commercial and International Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT WASTE CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Deidre Lee, Acting Director, Management, OMB; the following officials of the Department of